February 10, 2013

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair and Members Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

> Re: Written Testimony in Support of Mark K. Rigg as Director of Honolulu Emergency Services Department

Dear Chair Fukunaga, Members of Council and Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development:

It is a true pleasure for me to write this letter in support of the nomination of Mark Rigg as the Director of the Honolulu Emergency Department ("HESD"). My relationship with Mark has developed through sports as athletes and with families as friends over the last 38 years. Mark and I have competed for the same team and club in Outrigger canoe paddling. It has been an honor to compete as partners and travel together to competitions in Hawaii and on the Mainland. He is a gifted athlete and coach in all water sports and both indoor and beach volleyball. His expertise as a waterman and training as an EMT give him the experience needed for this position. But the qualities he displays as a person stand head and shoulders over most. He is loyal, honest, and dependable. He works with people in a positive, caring and supportive manner. He displays natural leadership qualities, takes initiatives and willing to accept challenges. His drive, dedication and perseverance he displays as an athlete is with him in any endeavor he takes.

As Director of HESD, Mark can and will continue to make a difference between the ordinary and extraordinary provision of the first responder services to our community. He is well poised to lead HESD into the future and to adapt to the challenges and circumstances that may arise along the way. I believe Mark Rigg to be an excellent candidate and have no doubt he will prove a valuable asset. As such, I respectfully request that this Council affirm the Mayor's designation of Mark K. Rigg as Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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